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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Notice of Ex Parte In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; and In the Matter of 2010 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission’s Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 – MB Docket No. 09-182; Promoting Diversification of Ownership – MB Docket No. 07-294; In the Broadcasting Services Rules and Policies Concerning Attribution of Joint Sales Agreements In Local Television Markets- MB Docket No. 04-256

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, Craig Rosenthal, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Suddenlink Communications, along with Stephanie Healy of Cox Communications, met with and Clint Odom in Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel’s Office to discuss the Connect America Fund, Joint Sharing Agreements, and retransmission consent negotiations.

Mr. Rosenthal discussed the Rural Broadband Experiment’s implementation as part of the Connect America Fund and Suddenlink’s potential participation in the process. He noted that Suddenlink’s decision to participate in the process would be influenced by the implementation of rules associated with the grants and urged the Commission to use a light touch when creating them.

Mr. Rosenthal also discussed the effect of Joint Sharing Agreements on retransmission consent negotiations. He discussed Suddenlink’s support of the Department of Justice’s recent filings on this topic. Mr. Rosenthal also discussed Suddenlink’s support for the position that the FCC has authority to take action with regard to retransmission consent issues.

Sincerely,

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Susan Bitter Smith,
Executive Director

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cc: Craig Rosenthal